FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN

Religion Forces Him to Clear Up a Paris Tragedy-Like a Tale

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- James Williams horrified the congregation of the C Igrad Free Methodist chapel tonight by Mex can Revolutionists Whip the Govpublicly confessing himself a murderer. Williams is a colored man, 25

climb the golden stair, but I never can with this terrible an on my soul. I am guilty of murder."

Williams said that while employed as a servant in the family of Charles Lavaurue in Paris, France, he murdered his master. The Paris police

I formed a plan to rid them of Even the wife was ignorant as to who committed the murder. Heft l'aris and went to Louissana. Some time afterwards Lafayette followed me, accompanied by the woman. I then committed another crime and put the public opinion on Lafayette. He was tried and is now in prison at East laton Rouge. I did this because I was in love with the woman myself."

Williams was arrested. The police will communicate with the Louisians authorities and find out whether or not Williams' story is true.

LIZZIE BURNED THE GOWN, A New Feature of the Famous Borden

Murder Case. TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 25 .- There is no infimation yet in regard to the time

of arraigning Miss Borden for the murder of her father and stepmother. It is asserted that the government is in no burry to have the case presented, besane, or if not so now that she will be before the trial. If she is insane the enormous expense of a trial will be avoided and the ends of justice practically attained. If she is placed on trial the only important fact to be ex-plained will be in regard to the dress, and for the first time the details of that affair are now made public. Miss Russell and the two Misses Borden were in a room on the third or fourth day after the murders. Lizzie went out then came into the room again holding in her hand a dress, which she pointed to, at the same time saying:
"They are making so much fuss over things about here that I guess I will burn this. It is an old dress over

She passed out into the kitchen and put the dress into the fire. When the officers in their search found a piece of this dress in the ashes they sought to learn what it meant, and it was for this reason that the New Bedford purchase was so closely examined into. Miss Russell said nothing about this matter at the first hearing, nor did Emma Borden; but when Miss Russell was asked point blank in regard to the occurrence the day before the grand jury reported she told the story. Bridg-Sullivan was shown the piece and said that Lizzie wore a dress like that on the morning of the murder. Emma said, in explanation of the affair, that it was a general custom in the family to burn up their clothes when they were of no further use.

VICTORY FOR LABOR.

Men Cannot Be Discharged for Belonging to a Labor Union.

Maron, Ga., Dec. 25 .- Judge Emery Speers of the United States court rendered a decision yesterday in the case of the striking telegraph operators on the Central railroad against the receiver. Judge Speers said that the fact that a man was a member of a labor organization was no reason for his discharge. On the motion of the strikers, asking the court to reinstate them in their positions, Judge Speers deeided in their favor, so far as to order the receiver to replace all the men excapt where their positions had been already filled. In one sense, this is a complete victory for labor organizations, masmuch as it establishes the precedent that a laborer cannot be discharged for the sole reason that he has albed himself to labor un ous. Judge Speers states that there has inconsiderate action on both sides. The case against Haggard and for contempt, was postponed until after the holidays.

Particulars of the Wreck of the Chighima Kan Off Noris Mura.

San Francisco, Dec. 25 .- The steamship Oceanic arrived this evening bringing Japanese advices up to Decem-The diet was opened on Novemher 29 by the emperor. The details of the wreck of the new Japanese war Chigh ma Kan, which left Nagasaki on November IS for Kobe, en route to Tokio, show that Wednesday morning when off Norie Mura she was run into by the British steamer Eavenus and Immedistely went to the buttom. Out of the erew of ninety only sixteen persons were saved. The Savenna transferred the passengers safely to the Empress of Japan stid is now at anchor at Ortre, mear Kurishima, having mata ned seen ous injuries by the explosion of the Hamm beiler when the collision pe-

THAINS BLOCKADED.

Stock in Kansas and Oklahoma Killed by the Big Blimserif.

KANKAS Crev. Mo., Dec. 25.-Kansas. Oklahoma and the west generally is expensacing a genuine Christmas bliz- off and one eye blown out. card today, which threatens not only to block radroad travel, but to do great | Ratley will die. damage to the stock on the rangus south of Kansas if it continues for many hours. Last night a drusting rain began early in the evening, which continued almost to daylight, when it gave way to driving show, the wind naving shifted scound to the northeast | St. John's college this morning.

The snow kept all day, and before Chicago Negro's Exclamation might it had developed into a regular biggard, coming straight from the frozen regions of the northwest. Several inches of snow fell and drifted badiy. Scattering reports from Kanters and the southwest generally show that the rivers are in trouble from the drifted snow and cuts on the prairie, and as results trains are many late through this territory. One train on the Kansas Central and on the Missouri Facific were abandoned and hardly any attempt is being made to run trains on the roads west from Kan-

WERE OUTNUMBERED.

erament Troops in a Running Fight. years old and was recently converted. Democrat Neuvo Larado. Mexico settlement of the missions boundary When called upon to pray tonight special says: It is now definitely known which is in controversy with Brazil. discharged. The plants of the big packers are hardly working at haif he shouted. "Oh, Lord, I want to that there is at least a band of revolu- The Brazilian commissioners have artionists, numbering about 200 on Mexfrom Guerroro states that a detachment of Mexican soldiers, stationed five miles from Camarigo, were attacked yesterday morning by the revolutionists. The soldiers were so greatly outnumbered that they attempted no defense, but retired in

Salle Has a Hard Trip of It Across the Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 25 .- The steamship Saile, from Bremen, arrived at quarantine this morning. Captain Ringk reported that the trip was one of the roughest he has ever experienced. The weather, he said, was extremely cold and continued so until they were near this port, when it became more moderate. The steamer was completely coated with ice. The life boats on the starboard side were badly injured from the heavy seas and one of the ventil-ators lifted from its position and bent out of shape. During the entire voyage the passengers were compelled to re-main under deck.

CROOKS BREAK JAIL.

One of Them Also Breaks a Leg and Is

Re-arrested. Sr. Louis, Dec. 25 .- Edward, alias "Speedy" Murphy, Edward O'Connell and James Morrissey, alias "Candy crooks, broke jail in the district station at Seventh and Carr streets at an carry hour this morning in a peculiar manner. They managed to make their way to the Carr street side, but in jumping from a window seven feet bove the ground, Murphy fell and broke his leg. He was re-arrested, but the other two men got away and are still at large. They are well known crooks, whose pictures adorn many

Murdered His Friend.

a trivial matter as to aim as feetivities. The men were separated by friends, but met on the next block where Navin whipped out a large jackknife and severed Guth's femoral artery. The latter ran ten rods and fell dead. The coroner's jury found Naven guilty of murder in the first de-

Fool and His Money. HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 25 .- Martin A. Ritchie, a prominent and wealthy farmer residing a few miles north of Litchfield, this county, was swindled out of \$5,000 yesterday by the old three-card monte game. He met two strangers and was soon interested in the game, and thinking he had a sure thing he bet and won \$10,000, but when the confidence men went to pay him his money they gave him an empty box and kept his \$5,000.

Crushed in His Skull,

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 25 .- A telegram is received here from Auguliars an-nouncing the death of Private Lynch of Troop K, Third Cavalry, commanded by Captam Hunter, now in the field after revolutionists in the lower coun-Lynch was driving a mule attached to one of the large supply wagons, when he went to sleep, fell off the lead mule and the wagon ran over his head, crushing it and causing almost instant death.

Coal Mine Afire.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—Fire was discovered in the Reading company's West Mahanov City colliery last night and it has been raging ever since. nest of sixteen boilers and several outbuildings have sunk into the mine by the burning away of the timbers. The damage already runs high into the thousands, and 600 men will be out of

Father Henrici Dead.

Perrangum, Dec. 25,-Jacob Henrici. on of the trustee of the Economite somety of Economy, Pa., died at . o'clock this morning aged 88 years. The society of which Father Henerici was leader is composed of about 500 people, all celebrates and are worth between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

Pressume, Pa., Dec. 25 .- John Purdy was burned to death in the Wilmerding lockup at 3 o'clock this morning. Purity was arrested last night for being At I o'clock this morning the luckup was discovered on fire. Furty was the only inmate. Before he could be rescued he was rousted alive.

Santa Claus Harribly Burned, Sparsespans, O., Den. 25 .- John

Hamsberger was hornible burned at Hopewell school house last evening, may entertainment. His dross of conton cioth caught fire and also his colnless false face. The fire cooked ms for Captain Gregan to spother sistion. face and busined out one eye. Annelver Dynamics Horner

explosion of dynamite occurred in the

dable of two musers south of this city

today. Fred Bailey had his legs blown

Black was dangerously out and brules it. McGegma Celebrates Mass.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 25 .- The Rev. Dr. Edward McGrynn, wire has been rainstated as a project by Mgr. Satolli, celebrated nines in percents in the chapel of

President Harrison to Settle the Mission Boundaries.

to Berbarism in One Generation. Pan-American Congress.

lation is going on in official circles over the whereabouts of the commission of the Argentine Republic appointed Naw Onleass, Dec. 25. - The Times to report that country in the matter of the appearance of the Argentine delegation, which has been expected for some time. News of their leaving Beuonos Ayres reached the United States some time ago, and it is supposed they are spending the holidays in were unable to discover the murderer.

"I am the real murderer, while an innocent, man is now confined in prison," he cred. "While I was if the sampley of Lavourne, a man hamed John Lafayette fell in love with Lavourne's wife. The couple desired to marry but the highest of the control of the government soldiers, but have not yet attacked Camargo.

"Bough Passage.

"It is paire speading the bolinays in Europe. When they come arrangements will be made for putting the ments will be ments will be made for putting the ments will be made for can congress of 1889-90. After that body sdopted the resolutions in favor of compulsory arbitration as an expedient for averting war. Brazil was almost the first state to act upon the high moral policy which had been proclaimed. It not only exerted its influence strongly in favor of the negotiation of arbitration treaties, which should have binding force upon American states, but also in its new constitution, it expressly prohibited wars of

The missions question revives memories of the Spanish conquest. For 150 years the Jesuits enjoyed undisputed ascendency in Paraguay. There they reduced the Indian language to a written idiom, taught the natives the rudiments of wood carving and European agriculture, planted orange groves, cultivated verbs tes, built model villages and governed the country on humane principles. No work more wonderful was ever done by christian missionaries than that of the Jesuits in the upper Harans, and in the region now known as the missions.

When the expulsion of the Jesuits was declared they offered no resistance, but quietly left the country which they had governed for so long a time. In the course of a single generation a population of 150,000, employed in various in-dustries, abandoned the plantations and relapsed into barbarism.

Then followed the resignation of Monster, and a war extermination. In a heart-rending struggle against three stronger states, a simple minded peo-ple endured manifold sufferings for the rake of a tyrant who had murdered Madelia, Minn. Dec. 25.—Patrick his mother, brothers, and rivals and Naven and Henry Guth fought in the allies. They fought for their oppressor monlight at 10 o'clock last night over until he himself was slain in the forests, and three-fourths of their heroic

warriors were slain. Disputing the Boundary.

The victorious coalition, including Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay, returned from the old Jesuit mission ground with an unsettled fronquestion which has continued to excite suspicion and jealousy during years of secret intrigue. The estabhishment of the Brazilian republic was followed by an era of good feeling. President Feediras, minister of foreign affairs of Bacacuva, went to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres on a mission of peace; and while the suggestion he made was subsequently condemned by the Brazilian congress, the question has finally been submitted to the Presi-dent of the United States for arbitration. A memorial of the former, exercise of similar office, existed in the opposite quarter of Paraguay, where one of the number of cities is named Villa Hayes, in honor of the American president who acted se arbitrator in dividng the Gran-Chaco between disputing ponsible office of adjudicating national titles to the working field of the heroic Jesuits and the battle grounds of one of the strangest wars in history.

MILITARY AUTOURAT,

The Commandant of Fort Schuyler Severe With His Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- Major J. P. Sanger, of the inspector general department, has made a report to the secretary of war upon the case of Captain Frank C. Grugan, Second Artillery, in command of the post at Fort Schuy-ier, N. Y., but the officials refuse to make known its contents at present. It has been reported to the department that Captain Grugan is barsh and cruel to the soldiers of his command, and that his tyrannical conduct has caused many desertions at that post, and was possibly indirectly the cause of one or more recent suicides among the men.

There were so many complaints against his administration that Secretary Elkins ordered Major Sanger to visit the post and make a careful and thorough investigation of the charges. While it is impossible to obtain any character of Major Sanger's report, it cover. is known that it shows that Captain Gregan is a strict disciplinarian of tyrannical, harsh temperament, but there is no evidence of tyranny or brulante in his treatment of hise mound. It is also learned that the report cites several cases in which soldiers were concessarily humilated, or were punwhed more severely than the circumstances would justify; but says on the of the more serious accusations. In yow, however, of the evident friction. mander it is the belief of some arms officers that the department will trans-

CLERKS IN HARD LUCK.

Annuar engue, N. N., Dec. 23 .- An The General Land Office Has Not Enough Work for Attaches.

Wasnixutor, Dec. 25.-The statement of the commissioner of the general land office in his annual report to the effect that the work of that office is up to date was regarded as a gratify-

"I AM A MURDERER" and the temperature growing many degrees colder. IS A DELICATE TASK present force of clerks. The work during preciated by the police. General opinion is that the bomb or infernal manual contract to occupy the number of clerks now employed. present force of clerks. The work during current week is not sufficient to occupy the number of clerks now employed. I wo years ago the weekly issue of the land patents was approximately 3,600 and this number has now fallen to less than 1,000 per week. It is said that early in the new year them will be JESUITS WORK IN PARAGUAY

A Nation that Lapsed From Civilization

than 1,000 per week, It is said that early in the new year there will be a reduction in the force of from 20 to 30 per cent. It is possible that some p ricon of the force may be transferred to other branches of the service, but so far nothing has been definitely determined as to the extent of the decrease or as to the disposition of those whose ser-vices will not be dispedsed with.

SHORTAGE IN HOGS.

Washington, Dec. 25. -Some specu- Five Thousand Men Dropped in a Month by Chicago Fackers.

Carcago, Dec. 25,-There is a duliners alout Packingtown newadays that has not been paralleled for many years. their capacity. The indications are, that unless the supply of bogs is speed-ily increased. Juriner reductions will be necessary. This condition of things usual shortsge in the nog crop.

This shortage is readily shown by the following statistics: From November 1 to Dicember 21, western racking was but 2.180,000 against 3.820,000 for the same period last year, showing a shortage of 1,540,000 nogs for the west. Chicago for the seme period this year packed 780,000 against 1,470,000 last year, showing a shortage for this market of nearly 700,000. Leading packers, while they would that this compackers, while they assert that this condition of affairs was forseen in part, yet admit that the shortage greatly exceeds the calculations of the shrewdest among them, and that some of them were caught on the wrong side of the mar-ket. They admit that there does not seem to be any immediate relief from the combarrassing situation, since the shortage is daily becoming greater, and some of them go so far asto assert that no relief can come until the next spring crop of hogs is marketed. The shortsge is ascribed to a variety of causes,
chief among which is the floods of last
spring, which killed off the young pigs
in many sections. The low prices of
corn last spring, which enabled farmers to fatten and market their hogs earlier than usual, is also considered an important factor in the present shortage.

Scared the Hoosiers. WHITING, Ind., Dec. 25.—One of the most remarkable mirages recorded in this section was seen in the southern sky last night. A sword of fire seeme to hang almost over the town. The night was cloudy and the snow flying, and the apparition caused the utmost alarm among the superstitiously inclined. At times it reached from the horizon almost to the zenith and at others receded until it seemed to be a comet about therty degrees above the horizon. The fire companies of two neighboring towns supposed the light to be a conflagration. The light from a burning gas well 100 to 150 miles dis-tant reflected from a stratum of air on an intensely cold night caused the wonderful effect.

Trip on a Cake of Ice.

Montrose, Is., had a terrible experience and a narrow escape from death by drowning yesterday. They attempted to cross the river in a skiff through a mass of running ice. The skill finally upset, filled and sank. After a struggle they succeeded in catching a cake of ice, to which they clung. The two men floated down the river for an hour, crying pitifully for help. Parker and Erd Wilnemy saw the men and ran out on the sandbar at the Eiverside Mills, where a skill lay, and res-

Drink Ruins a Man.

OMAHA, Dec. 25 .- Another good man the person of Edward Daniels, a promment lawyer and loan and collection agent. He left home October 15, but it did not develop until today that he had gone for good. He had in his possession big collections for New York and Chicago lirms, the Estey and Camp Organ company of Chicago being one of the largest losers by his disappearance. His home life was not pleasant powers. His successor now has the re- and recently he took to drinking. He was a republican politician of prominence and took part in the recent campaigu as a stump speaker.

What Were His Dreams?

GOLDEN, Col., Dec. 25 .- David Ritter was shot and instantly killed by P. P. Shafter last night at Shafter's ranch in the western part of this county. The weapon used was a shotgun, the whole charge of which entered Rater's head. After committing the crime Shafter lay down and slept all night. This morning he went to a neighboring ranch and announced his intention of coming to this city to give himself up. He has failed to appear and officers are searching for him. No cause is known for

the crime. Miners Asphyxiated.

MASCOUTAR, Ill., Dec. 25 .- J. M. Kidd, mine boss, Elmer Rosenberry and Alfred Simon, workmen, want into here yesterday to inspect for proposed improvements. All three were soon overcome by foul gas. Although rescued from the mine in a very time, the two workmen were dead and official information in regard to the it is doubtful if the mine boss will re-

Hardin Released.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25,-The theft of \$35,000 from an express package is the suspected Adams express messen. ger who was brought here for the pur-Mrs. Brenner, the wo can who sold the stamp need on the bogus package, yes terday. The woman failed to stentify him and he was released from the custody of the detections.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 - Jos ph Ross, for-merly of New York, a young Inchman n the employ of the Chicago Telephone company, shot and fatally wounded his step father, Anthony Levelle, about 8 o'clock this morning. men had a quarrel and while engaged

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Patel Christman Drunk HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 25,-James ing indication of the industry with Common of Charleston, W. Va., was planter and splintered glass.

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Foreign Financial and Speculative Circles Uneasy.

PANAMA SCANDAL EFFECTS

English Investors Watching the New York Money Market-France Has

Faith in the Government.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- As regards discount, if any change for the past week is to be noted, the situation became worse. Bills were exceedingly scarce and competition was as keen as ever. The state of the New York money market, which, it is thought here. threatens a continuance of gold exports to Europe, is watched with the

greatest interest. The American supplies of gold, by meeting the continents demand, continue to figure as the leading factor in inducing the stagnation of the money market. Some gold is still brought here on Austrian government account, but not in sufficient amounts of England.

The effect of the Panama canal scandals is felt mainly in the foreign markets. Rentes declined one point on the week. Spanish and Italian securities fell three-fourths, Greek one-half and Turkish three-fourths. The American

May Help Them Out.

If New York banks do as it is reported they probably will pay gold for a mass of government bonds, a rally in American railroads is certain as a part from the currency question. The outery. Despite fluctuations, the changes for the week are small, including the following: Increases—Denver preferred 1, Atchison mortgage, Denver common and Lake Shore 1 each. Decrease—Atchison shares and Missouri, Kansas & Texas 1 each. Grand Trunk securities benefited from the better traffic returns; first and second preference advanced I and guaranteed 1. Mexican railroad closed about 1 point lower, falling in sympathy with silver. Buenos Ayres Southern and Buenos Ayres & Rosario railroads closed 1 point lower. Confidence in the Republic.

Paris, Dec. 25 .- The Bourse the past week has been very unsettled. Every day saw unusual fluctuations. The energetic actions of the government, however, somehow checked the depressing influence of the Panama canal disclosures and especially the gloom due to M. Rouvier's weak defense. Considering the exciting events in the chamber of deputies. Rentes have shown surprising firmness. The large amount of investment purchases made when Rentes declined, shows conspicuously that the country con-fidence in the sound state of public Nauvoo, Ill., Dec. 25.—Two men fidence in the sound state of public finances is unshaken. But for the orders the fall would have been much heavier. The large speculative sales of early the whole of the lost ground. Credit Foncier closed 26; lower.

Studying American Economics, BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Bourse was affected by the depressing influence of the Paris Bourse, but recovered at the end of the week on the improved tone in Paris. Changes in international funds were fractional. Greater attention has lately been devoted to America seems to have gone wrong, this time in and its economic condition. Former sanguine hopes that eventually there would be a heavy increase in German exports thither now appear to have been abandoned; but, on the other hand, a large development in American funds is believed probable.

Such transactions in the number of American securities dealt in have been growing for a long time past, and if the state of affairs continues, the German-American Trust company will undoubtedly largely extend its operations. The public and the market are apparently dissatisfied with the domestic and other continental loans and much more favorably disposed toward American

ENGLAND'S DISGRACE.

She Encourages Slavery by a System Particularly Unique in Idea. Loxpox, Dec. 24 .- The British gov-

ernment, which has sanctioned the horrible system by which the sugar plant-ers of Queensiand get cheap labor by "hiring" natives of the Polynesian islands, is said to be much concerned at the manner in which the Gilbert islanders are being "kiduapped" by agents of the Guatemalan planters. From the reports which bave reached here, the hiring and the kidnapping appear to be synonmous items, but obonely the Queenslanders, being British subjects, can do no wrong, while the Guatemalans, being republicans, are incapable of doing anything right. Therefore, the British government has ordered inquiries to be made into "the inhuman traffic" between Gilbert sland and Guatemaia, and it is not impossible that the United States gov. ernment may be asked to co-operate.

PROMPTED BY REVENCE

The Dubhn Dynamite Outrage Planned to Liberate Dynamiter Daly,

DUBLIN, Dec. 25 .- Detective Synott, who lost his life by the explosion at the Dublin detective office yesterday, was tound lying prostrate, his face mangled, an arm and log shattered and severely wounded on the chest. He was taken to the Jarvis etreet hosputs, where his injured limbs were amputated. He las unconscious for about of the detective office were cracked by the force of the explosion and all of At the spot where the infernal machine exploded, the fencing of the court yard was tern up for several feet and a great unle excevated in the earth. Apparently Synout had kinked, or otherwise volver and fired four bullets into the noised the macione away from the all the rooms are strewn with broken

ion is that the bomb or infernal machine was placed by a person with a personal spite against the detective force. All day people from all parts of the city spreading the report that John Morely, the Irish secretary, was passing the office at the time of the exposion and had been thrown to the ground and was suffering from concussion of the brain. Several friends of Mr. Morely, who were notified as to his wheresbouts, came running to the office to inquire after his injuries.

The only person severely injuried was

office to inquire after his injuries.

The only person severely injured was the detective, who died. Three men and a woman in a side street, about 100 yards off, were thrown to the ground and remained unconscious for several injuries. Many sustained only a few bruises and walked home. It is believed in some quarters that the mobelieved in some quarters that the moreported refusal of the government to release the imprisoned dynamiter Daly.

"Mons. C. A. Dana." Paris, Dec. 25.—The Gaulois today publishes the following: "Mons. C. A. Dana, one of the leading political men of the United States, owner and editor of the Sun, one of the greatest news-papers of New York, arrived day before yesterday in Paris, stopping at the Hotel Bristol. Mons. C. A. Dans est l'un des amis des plus fideles de Mons. Cleveland, le nouveau president des came apourent. The moving mass of to cause exporters to apply to the Bank | Etate Unis. Mons. Dana is designated as the probable successor of Mons. Lin-coln at the legation of the United States in London."

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- The medical men Turkish three-fourths. The American conclusions from their examination of the body of Crampou, the murderer who was guillotined the other day. Crampou was the picture of terror when he went to his death and the doctors found that his heart had contracted in consequence. They speak of it contemptuously as "cowardly heart." They argue that the popular notion that the heart is the seat of courage is founded upon a physiological

Mrs. Maybrick Attempted Suicide. London, Dec. 25.—The medical offi-cer at Woking prison has reported to the home office that Mrs. Maybrick is not suffering from any serious consti-tutional disease. The late severe bem-orrhage, about which so much was said, was the result of self-inflicted in-juries. She wounded herself with a pen-knife in a horrible manner. It was many days before the bleeding could be stopped, and her weakness at that period was extreme.

Vic's Christmas Gifts. London, Dec. 25.—The queen's Christmas party at Osborne this year is smaller than usual, and consists entirely of members of the family and some half dozen courtiers. During the week doles, known as the minor bounty and the royal gate aims, have been distributed by the high royal almoner and the sub-almoner, in Lon-don, is over 1,000 aged, disabled and meritorious men.

WILL TALK IT OVER.

Railroad Employes to Discuss of Federation at Cedar Rapids.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 25 .- Grand foreign "bears" were largely responsible for the decline. Local banks were sharply attacked, but, with the exception of Credit Foncier, regained states that a conference has been called to meet at Cedar Rapids' Wednesday, December 28, to which the Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen, Order of Railway Telegraphers and Order of Railway Switchmen have been involved. The conference will be composed of committees chosen by the several railroad orders. Mr. Sargent says that while the meeting is called to consider the question of fed-eration, it cannot at that time dethose orders for ratification

Tiffin, O., Dec. 25 .- August Barlekemp, aged 16 years, and Miss Myrtle Wagner, aged 15, were struck by a freight train on the Big Four road eight miles north of this city at 8 o'clock this evening as they were crossing the track at Sheatenbelm's saw mill. They were thrown 100 teet and the young lady was instantly killed, and the young man so badly injured that he cannot live till morning. The horse escaped unscathed, but the buggy was utterly demolished and both the occupants of the vehicle horribly mangled. The young people were enroute to a Christmas concert before the accident occur-red and were so wrapped up to keep warm that they failed to hear the train

whistle for the crossing. Dropped Dead in a Bank. NEW YORD, Dec. 25 .- Josian M. Fisk dropped dead while entering the American Exchange National bank at Cedar street and Broadway yesterday. Mr. Fisk had been a director of the bank for forty-six years in continuous service, being the dean of the board by many years. He had come down town to attend a directors' meeting. Mr. Fisk was passing the teller's window when, without a word, he staggered and fell forward. He was unconscious and appeared to be dead. Dr. Symonds was hastily summoned from the Mutual Lafe Insurance company, but the physician said that Mr. Fisk had evidently died the instant he fell. the probable cause being heart disease.

Sold a Gul for \$12.

KINDSTON, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A story of a girl being sold in marriage comes New Lebspon, Columbia county. case was brought to light by the arrest of George Le Barnes, his wife and Susan M. Dadey, the girl's mother, charged with intexication. Le Barnes was sent to jall for elx months for disorderly conduct, and the women were permitted to go. The girl wife said she was married to be Barnes in July lust at the age of 14. She said she did not care much about marrying the man, but he paid her father a little over \$12 for her.

CINCINCATI, Dec. 25. - Howard Kinley of this city is developing a plan for a national opera. It proposes thirty weeks of opera, from Dolotter to

Electric Light Wires Cut by Toledo Strikers.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STOPS

Electric Systems Stopped and Human Lives Endangered by Contact With Hanging Wires.

Toleno, Dec. 25 .- Half of the mon connected with the Electric Union of this city struck at 8 o'clock last even ing. There had been no warning and great confusion and excitement were the result. The union includes the linemen on both of the street car systems, the Toledo Electric Light company, and the Western Electric company. The first intimation of wrong was when the city was suddenly plunged into darkness.

The streets were jammed with people who were celebrating Christm a few minutes of waiting, the fact that there had been trouble gradually be-came apparent. The moving mass of bumanity seemed paralized. The po-lice department was doubled up and merchants proceeded to have their stores watched more thoroughly than ever. The people at last started for their homes, evidently convinced that there would be no more for them to see down town until morning.

A rush was made for the street care when it was noticed that not one was running. The cars had etopped soon after the lights went out. All of the companies promptly sent out their wagons, and men were taken from the cars to see what was the matter. They first found the street car trolley wires at the foot of Summit street hanging to the ground. They had been cut off close to the bridge, and were hanging in such a manner that life was in darger in case anyone came in contact with them. Further search showed that wires had been cut in various places in the suburbs of the city. As fast as they were connected by the limited force on hand, the strikers

would cut in some new place. Then to add to the confusion, people poured out of a hundred churches where Christmas services were in pro-gress. The churches had been unable to proceed without light, and the only thing was to postpone the service and confusion in general reigned supreme. The cause of the strike is a demand for a new scale of wages. The men asked for a raise of 10 per cent, having submitted their proposition at noon. The companies promised to consider it, but the men would not wait.

The situation in the strike of electric linemen remains unchanged up to a late hour this evening. The city is again in darkness tonight. During the day two electric light companie made attempts to restore the circuits, but the tampering with the wires con-tinued and no headway was made. Several of the Toledo electric street railway's wires were cut again this ofthe cars are running as usual. Michael Master Sargent of the Brotherhood of Donoliue, a lineman in the employ of Locomotive Firemen was interviewed the Toledo Electric Light company, today regarding the alleged federation was arrested at noon on suspicion of fused him. Other arrests are expected

to follow. TRAIN MEN GUILTY. *

A Coroner's Jury Says a Conductor and

Engineer are Murderers. Sr. Part, Dec. 25 .- The coroner's pury in the Nelson, Mion., accident question was formally discharged yesterday and the verdict finally made public, It charges J. F. Mullaney and W. A. Neckley, engineer and conductor, with gross neglect in failing to keep contr l of the first section of train in fact, be impossible to do this, since keep contribution to the impossible to do this, since keep contribution to the impossible to do this, since keep contribution to the impossible to the keep contribution to the impossible to the impossible to the input to the death of sponsible by the jury for the death of sponsible by the jury of the input of the impury of even persons and the injury of five. Conductor Roche of the wrocked train is considered equally guilty for holding his train on the main line when a reg-ular was overdue, but the evidence was not sufficient to implicate toni-

HE PRACTURED HER SKULK.

Peculiar Manner in Which a Man Fresented a Christmas Gill.

BROWN CITY, Dec. 25 .- Henry Clymer and Bert Goodson, two young men, farm laborers near here, were both paying attention to the same young girl. Early last night Clymer went to the lady's home to make her a Christmas gift. A half hour later Goodson went with the same purpose. Seeing the two together the latter became jealous, and in his anger hurled his gift, a chesp silver watch, at them struck the girl on the head, probably fracturing her skull. She lies in a crusical condition. Goodson is under ar-

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- Tons of ice which had formed in the insmense wheel pits of the Cataract Construction company, leading to the hydraulic tunnel, were dislodged here this morning by a swinging care, loa with stone, striking the mass. It fell thundering down the pits upon the workmen beneath. Andrew Dunop, a white miner, had his skull crushed in and was instantly killed. John Rutzo had his shoulder fractured and one arm broken. Petro Angelo, Michaelo Rutiode and two others, names nuknown, had their arms and

legs broken. Saw Them Burned to Death.

Brandont, Pa., Dec. 25.—An Erie coal train broke in two parts on a steep grade near Hutchins, this county. When they collided Flagman J. A. Housknecht and Brakeman J. O. Connors, both of this piace, were caught in the wreckage and slowly burned to death before the eyes of the horrified companions, who were unable to rescue

Ballet Box Stuffers Freed.

TRESTON, N. J., Dec. 25 -- All the

Hodeon county ballot-box stuffers serving terms in the state prison were liberated vesterday, the court of , ardons having parolled thirty-two of them and pardoned one, John A. Wheisn.

Buggy Sheft in Her Brain, Los Amusicas, Cel., Dec. 25.-Miss Belle Nichols was instantly killed yes terday by a runaway horse. She was crossing the street when the horse struck her and one shaft passed through her head.